Title: Need for early clearance of the drinking water schemes to solve acute drinking water problem in Kalahandi district, Orissa-Laid.

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI) : Severe drought situation prevails in the district of Kalahandi thereby creating acute drinking water shortage. The schemes pending for approval by Central Government for augmenting drinking water in urban and rural areas in the district should be cleared immediately; besides, in order to mitigate drinking water supply in rural areas, at least 500 tubewells should be sanctioned immediately. Also the scheme for water supply to Bhawanipatna Municipality should be cleared by the Central Government.